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A total of 39 states and the Navajo nation are involved in the harvest and export of bobcat pelts and garments in the United States. Fourteen states exported more than 1,000 skins each in Fiscal Year (FY) 1979, and 22 states and the Navajo nation more than doubled the number of pelts exported from FY 1978 to FY 1979 (Table 1). The number of bobcat hides exported by the United States rose from 22,275 pelts exported in FY 1978 to 41,588 pelts in FY 1979, a jump of over 85% in one year (Table 1). Comparing Calendar Years (CY), bobcat skin exports increased 119% from 11,121 pelts in CY 1977 to 24,389 in CY 1978 (Table 2). In addition, 411 bobcat garments were exported in CY 1978, representing an estimated 3,288 skins (an average of 8 skins is used to produce 1 garment).

West Germany, Canada, Switzerland, Denmark, France, and Italy are the major importers of U.S. bobcat pelts and garments (Table 2). West Germany imported over 50% of both pelts and garments in 1977 and 1978.

Canada is the only other nation which supplies export statistics on bobcat (Table 3). It exported 5,749 pelts (+1,337 kg) in 1977 and 6,341 (+1,943 kg) in 1978. An additional 522 garments, i.e. 4,176 skins, were exported in 1977 and 1,575 garments, i.e. 12,600 skins, in 1978. None of the pelts or garments were listed as re-exports in the Canadian CITES Report; thus, Canada harvested at least 10,000

bobcat in 1977 and 19,000 in 1978 to supply export demands.

The major importers of Canadian bobcat are West Germany the United States, Switzerland, France, and Italy (Table 3). As with the United States, West Germany imports most of the skins and garments exported by Canada.

The bobcat pelts, once over in the European Common Market, are re-exported to other countries (Table 4). West Germany re-exported bobcat skins to Belgium, Italy, and Switzerland in 1977 and 1978. Switzerland re-exported hides to Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, the United Kingdom, and West Germany, and Italy shipped many pelts to Switzerland.

The bobcat also occurs in Mexico and is certainly harvested and exported. No details are available as Mexico is not a member of CITES.

TABLE 1

U.S. BOBCAT (FELIS RUFUS) EXPORT BY STATE
(Fiscal Year, Oct. - Sept., Calendar Year, Jan. - Dec.)
Compiled by the Wildlife Permit Office. FWS, USDI.

STATE	FY 1978		FY 1979 (as of 8 Aug 79)	CY 1978
ALABAMA	773		527	773
ALASKA	-		11	0
ARIZONA	2,056	(23)	1,516	2.107
ARKANSAS	108		2,058	108
CALIFORNIA	1,808		4,365	1,891
COLORADO	679		1,076	707
CONNECTICUT	-		-	0
DELAWARE	-		-	0
FLORIDA	240		417	240
GEORGIA	2,245		2,819	2,300
IDAHO	285		429	318
INDIANA	-		1	0
KANSAS	-		222	0
LOUISIANA	3,423		3,816	3,434
MAINE	8	(2)	29	10
MARYLAND	-		-	0
MASSACHUSETTS	0		161	0
MICHIGAN	20		195	21
MINNESOTA	34		46	36
MISSISSIPPI	503		2,325	503
MISSOURI	-		50	0
MONTANA	397	(1)	1,526	427
NEBRASKA	6		29	8
NEVADA	586	(16)	1,773	634
NEW HAMPSHIRE	-		-	0
NEW MEXICO	2,373	(5)	2,439	2,525
NEW YORK	5		34	5
NORTH CAROLINA	397		891	397
NORTH DAKOTA	3		39	20
OHIO	4		4	4
OKLAHOMA	0		1,948	0
OREGON	974	(4)	1,828	1.022
RHODE ISLAND	-		-	0
SOUTH CAROLINA	-		223	0
SOUTH DAKOTA	22		123	25
TENNESSEE	238		405	238
TEXAS	400	(477)	5,105	877
UTAH	4		15	10
VERMONT	0		2	0
VIRGINIA	72		99	72
WASHINGTON	744	(5)	1,071	894
WEST VIRGINIA	110		393	110
WISCONSIN	6		50	8
WYOMING	772	(2)	865	791
NAVAJO NATION	1		17	1
* UNKNOWN ORIGIN	2,979	(2,218)	2,646	3,873
TOTAL	22,275		41,588	24,389

() - The number in parenthesis are additional CPA inventory approved exports during FY 1978 and FY 1979.

* - Some reports of fur exports were logged as garments with no listing of tag numbers or of number of pelts used or of states of origin. In FY 1978 and FY 1979, an additional 236 bobcat garments were exported with unk. origi

TABLE 2

U.S. EXPORT OF BOBCAT (FELIS RUFUS)
SKINS AND GARMENTS

COUNTRY	1977 SKIN		1977 GARMENT		1978 SKIN		1978 GARMENT	
AUSTRIA	114		2				5	
BELGIUM	99				83			
* CANADA	452				7,264		1	
* DENMARK	2,950				997			
EL SALVADOR							1	
* FINLAND	15							
* FRANCE	555				423		15	
ITALY					514		4	
JAPAN					103		4	
MEXICO							2	
SCOTLAND							1	
* SWITZERLAND	34	(267)	14	(58)	723	(117)	101	(64)
* UNITED KINGDOM	180				32		7	
* WEST GERMANY	6,021	(4,078)	19		11,925		270	
UNSPECIFIED	701		3		2,325			
TOTAL	11,121		38		24,389		411	

Source: 1977/1978 U.S. CITES Reports. The number in parenthesis is the import figure listed in the importing countries' CITES Report.

* CITES Signatory Countries.

TABLE 3

CANADA EXPORT OF BOBCAT (FELIS RUFUS)
SKINS AND GARMENTS

COUNTRY	1977 SKIN	1977 GARMENT	1978 SKIN	1978 GARMENT
AUSTRIA		2	10	5
BELGIUM		11	110	74
* DENMARK			61	
* FRANCE		2	497	61
GREECE			432 KG	
HONG KONG				4
IRELAND				5
ITALY	149	36	380	144
JAPAN		11	2	58
LIECHTENSTEIN	23			
LUXEMBOURG				6
MEXICO			1	
* MOROCCO		1		1
NETHERLANDS				8
SAUDI ARABIA		3		
* SOUTH AFRICA			10	11
SPAIN	39	2	54	3

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COUNTRY	SKIN	GARMENT	SKIN	GARMENT
* SWEDEN		20		4
* SWITZERLAND	352	205 (171)	609 (322)	393 (369)
* UNITED KINGDOM	3	75		129
* UNITED STATES	3,368 (595) 1,337 KG	74 (32)	1,240 (3,930) 1,511 KG	245 (82)
* WEST GERMANY	1,815 (930)	80	3,367	424
TOTAL	5,749 + 1,337 KG	522	6,341 + 1,943 KG	1,575

* CITES Signatory Countries.

Source: 1977/1978 Canada CITES Report. The number in parenthesis is the import figure listed in the importing countries' CITES Report.

TABLE 4

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COUNTRY	1977 SKIN	1977 GARMENT	1978 SKIN	1978 GARMENT	EXPORTING COUNTRY	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
* UNITED KINGDOM	180		32	7	USA	USA
	3	75		129	CANADA	CANADA
			22		SWITZERLAND	--
* UNITED STATES	595 (3,368 1,337 KG)	32 (74)	3,930 (1,240 1,511 KG)	82 (245)	CANADA	CANADA
	0 (20)				FRG	SWITZERLAND
		1			FRG	CANADA
	78 (78)		0 (101)	0 (1)	FRANCE	CANADA
		6			FINLAND	--
* WEST GERMANY	4,078 (6,021)	0 (19)	? (12,053)	? (106)	USA	--
	930 (1,815)	0 (80)	? (3,367)	? (424)	CANADA	--
	1,497 (2,212)	0 (47)	? (2,441)	? (122)	SWITZERLAND	--
	43				DENMARK	--
		0 (1)			FRANCE	USA
TOTAL	18,962 to 25,397 + 1,337 KG	460 to 639	31,592 + 432 KG to 33,288 + 432 KG	1,879 to 2,106		

* CITES Signatory Countries.

() The number in parenthesis is the export figure listed in the exporting countries' CITES Report.

Source: 1977/1978 U.S. CITES Reports, 1977/1978 Canada CITES Reports, 1977/1978 Switzerland CITES Reports, 1977/1978 France CITES Reports, and the 1977 West Germany CITES Report. The 1977/1978 U.K. CITES Reports do not list imports/exports of bobcat skins, and the France CITES Reports do not list imports of any wildlife products, only exports and re-exports.

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		2	10	5	CANADA	CANADA
			19		SWITZERLAND	--
	3				FRG	CANADA
BELGIUM	99		83		USA	USA
		11	110	74	CANADA	CANADA
	1,824				FRG	USA
	425				FRG	CANADA
* CANADA	452		7,134		USA	USA
* DENMARK	2,950		997		USA	USA
			61		CANADA	CANADA
EL SALVADOR				1	USA	USA
* FINLAND	15				USA	USA
* FRANCE	555		426	15	USA	USA
		2	497	61	CANADA	CANADA
		2		4	SWITZERLAND	--
GREECE			432 KG		CANADA	CANADA
	701				SWITZERLAND	--
HONG KONG				4	CANADA	CANADA
			119		SWITZERLAND	--
ITALY			514	4	USA	USA
	149	36	380	144	CANADA	CANADA
			68		SWITZERLAND	--
	167				FRG	USA
IRELAND				5	CANADA	CANADA

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	JAPAN			103	4	USA	USA
			11	2	58	CANADA	CANADA
	LIECHTENSTEIN	23				CANADA	CANADA
	LUXEMBOURG				6	CANADA	CANADA
	MEXICO				2	USA	USA
				1		CANADA	CANADA
*	MOROCCO		1		1	CANADA	CANADA
	NETHERLANDS				8	CANADA	CANADA
				1		SWITZERLAND	--
	SAUDI ARABIA		3			CANADA	CANADA
	SCOTLAND				1	USA	USA
*	SOUTH AFRICA			10	11	CANADA	CANADA
	SPAIN	39	2	54	3	CANADA	CANADA
*	SWEDEN		20		4	CANADA	CANADA
				8		SWITZERLAND	--
*	SWITZERLAND	267 (34)	58 (14)	117 (723)	64 (101)	USA	--
		0 (352)	171 (205)	322 (609)	369 (393)	CANADA	--
		24 (4)	17	100	65	FRG	--
		3,751		257		ITALY	--
			8	36	91	GREECE	--
				14		AUSTRIA	--
			0 (1)		0 (1)	FRANCE	USA
					0 (1)	FRANCE	CANADA